

# **Iraq Weekly Status Report**

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## HIGHLIGHTS

- General Petraeus and Ambassador Crocker testify before Congress on the situation in Iraq. Both cite progress but caution patience, including a 45-day period of “consolidation and evaluation” following currently scheduled troop withdrawals. **(POLITICAL, page 4; SECURITY, page 10)**
- PM Maliki ordered Sadr to disarm his militia. Sadr responded saying that he would follow the advice of top Shia leaders. **(POLITICAL, page 5)**
- Muqtada al-Sadr threatens to end the cease-fire imposed on his Mahdi Army. **(SECURITY, page 11)**
- Senators Kennedy and Biden called for a senior official to coordinate US policy on Iraq’s 2 million refugees and over 2 million internally displaced persons. **(POLITICAL, page 6)**
- The WTO met April 2 to discuss Iraq’s accession. **(ECONOMIC, page 15)**
- The Government of Sweden announced April 3 plans to host the next meeting of the International Compact with Iraq (ICI) May 29. **(DIPLOMATIC, page 27)**



## POLITICAL - Governance & Legislation

### Ambassador Crocker Briefs Congress on Iraq Situation:

- US Ambassador to Iraq Ryan Crocker and Multi-National Forces Commander in Iraq General David Petraeus briefed the Senate Armed Services Committee and Senate Foreign Relations Committee April 8 on the status of US efforts in Iraq. Ambassador Crocker's remarks focused on the status of progress towards political stability in Iraq. He noted that significant progress has been led by Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki, but also emphasized the importance of continued US support. "This does not mean that US support should be open-ended," he added. Discussing the recent violence in Baghdad, Basrah and southern Iraq, Ambassador Crocker said the situation shows "there is still very much to be done" but that "viewed with a broader lens, the Iraqi decision to combat these groups in Basrah has major significance." In summary, the Ambassador stated that "immense challenges remain and progress is uneven and often frustrating slow, but there is progress...Sustaining that progress will require continuing US resolve and commitment."



## POLITICAL - Governance & Legislation

### PM Maliki Announces Cessation of Raids Targeting Shia Militias:

- Only one day after Muqtada al-Sadr hinted that raids against Shia militias risked causing Jaysh al-Mahdi retaliation, PM Maliki stopped the raids April 5 and said he would grant amnesty to those involved in the recent violence in Basrah and Baghdad if they relinquished control of their arms.

### Maliki Orders Sadr to Disarm Militia; Sadr Responds that Decision Lies With Clerics:

- PM Maliki threatened to prohibit followers of Muqtada al-Sadr from participating in planned October provincial elections unless Sadr disarms and disbands his Mahdi Army (JAM). Sadr has reportedly asked top Iraqi Shia leaders (including Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani) for advice on whether he should dissolve JAM. A Sadr spokesman indicated that Sadr will comply with the religious leader's decision.

### Priest Killed in Baghdad:

- Youssef Adel, an Assyrian parish priest, was shot and killed April 5 in the Karradah neighborhood in central Baghdad. This is the second death of a Christian religious leader in a month; Chaldean Archbishop Faraj Rahlo was discovered dead March 13, about two weeks after he had been kidnapped in Mosul.



## POLITICAL - Governance & Legislation

### UN: Iraq's Humanitarian Crisis Continues:

- UN Under-Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs John Holmes told reporters April 7 that Iraq continues to face a "deteriorating humanitarian situation." According to Holmes, "There are wider concerns about the longer-term effect of prolonged conflict, and people's coping mechanisms become strained ... this deterioration of basic services is not yet reversed...Some of the fundamental political reconciliation which is needed has not happened, and that is why the situation remains difficult."

### Senators Call for New Refugee Post:

- Democratic senators Edward M. Kennedy (D-Mass) and Joseph R. Biden (D-Del) have called for the Bush administration to appoint a senior official to coordinate US policy for Iraq's 2 million refugees and over 2 million internally displaced persons. After receiving a staff report on Iraqi refugees that cited a lack of leadership on the issue, the senators sent copies to colleagues and a letter to the President calling for "appropriate action" to create a White House position overseeing policy on refugees and internally displaced persons.
- White House spokeswoman Emily Lawrimore said April 9 that Ambassador James B. Foley and Department of Homeland Security Refugee Coordinator Lori Scialabba were named last year to manage US efforts on Iraqi refugees. "We believe they are making important contributions and should continue to lead the efforts," Lawrimore said.



# POLITICAL – Government of Iraq

Coalition Affiliation (at time of appointment)

United Iraq Alliance

Kurdistani Alliance

Iraqi Accord Front

Iraqi National List

Other / Independent

(F) = Female

\*Formerly Tawafuq

\*\*Formerly Sadrist/UIA

\*\*\*Formerly Iraqiya

**Prime Minister**

Nuri al-Maliki

**Deputy Prime Minister**

\* Vacant

**Deputy Prime Minister**

Barham Salih

**President**

Jalal Talabani

**Deputy President**

Tariq al-Hashimi

**Deputy President**

'Adil 'Abd al-Mahdi

**Minister of Agriculture**

Ali al-Bahadeli

**Minister of Communications**

\*\*\* Vacant

**Minister of Culture**

\* Vacant

**Minister of Defense**

Abdul Qadir Muhammed  
Jasim al-Mufraji

**Minister of Displacement & Migration**

Abd al-Samad Rahman  
Sultan

**Minister of Electricity**

Karim Wahid

**Minister of Education**

Khudayyir al-Khuza'i

**Minister of Environment**

Narmin 'Uthman (F)

**Minister of Finance**

Bayan Jabr

**Minister of Foreign Affairs**

Hoshyar Zebari

**Minister of Health**

Saleh al-Hasnawi

**Minister of Higher Education**

\* Vacant

**Minister of Human Rights**

Wijdan Mikha'il (F)

**Minister of Industry & Minerals**

Fawzi al-Hariri

**Minister of Interior**

Jawad al-Bulani

**Minister of Justice**

\*\*\* (Safa al Safi  
acting)

**Minister of Housing & Construction**

Bayan Daza'l (F)

**Minister of Labor & Social Affairs**

Mahmud Muhammad  
Jawad al-Radi

**Minister of Oil**

Husayn al-Shahristani

**Minister of Planning**

Ali Baban

**Minister of Trade**

Abd al-Falah al-Sudani

**Minister of Science & Technology**

Ra'id Fahmi Jahid

**Minister of Municipalities & Public Works**

Riyad Ghurayyib

**Minister of Transportation**

\*\* Vacant

**Minister of Water Resources**

'Abd al-Latif Rashid

**Minister of Youth & Sports**

Jasim Muhammad Ja'far

**Minister of State for Civil Society**

\* (Wijdan Mikha'il  
Acting) (F)

**Minister of State for National Dialogue Affairs**

Akram al-Hakim

**Minister of State for National Security Affairs**

Shirwan al-Waili

**Minister of State for Foreign Affairs**

\* Vacant

**Minister of State for Governorates Affairs**

Sa'd Hashim

**Minister of State for Tourism and Antiquities**

\*\* Vacant

**Minister of State for Women's Affairs**

\*\* (Narmeen Othman Acting)

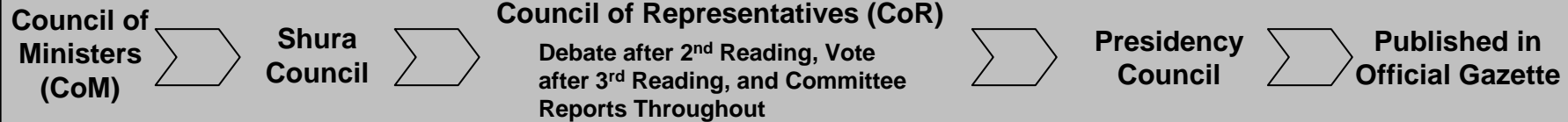
**Minister of State for CoR Affairs**

Safa al-Safi



# POLITICAL – Key Legislation and Refugee Update

## Legislative Process



Provincial Elections	The CoR is currently reviewing the law, which will set the legal basis and structure of provincial elections.
Hydrocarbons Package	The level of control allocated to the central government in the July 2007 draft version of the Framework Law (currently in CoR Committee) is the key point of disagreement; there may be more progress on the Revenue Management Law, currently with the Shura Council, in the coming months.
Amnesty Law	PASSED: CoR approved the law on February 13; the law was signed by the Presidency Council February 26 and was implemented March 2.
Pensions Amendment	PASSED: Published in the Official Gazette December 2007.
De-Ba'athification Reform	PASSED: Approved by default by the Presidency Council February 2008. Published in the Official Gazette in mid-February.
Provincial Powers	PASSED: CoR approved the law on February 13; the law was vetoed by the Presidency Council February 26. The veto was rescinded on March 19.

## Refugee Update

Refugees in the region: 2-2.4 million

Internally displaced persons in Iraq: 2.2-2.4 million

Total number of Iraqi refugees admitted to the U.S. during to date in FY07-FY08: 4,238





## POLITICAL - Provincial

### ePRT Ramadi Hosts Women's Conference:

- Although recent violence in Basrah and Baghdad prohibited some Iraqis from attending, the March 29 women's conference in Ramadi was viewed as a success. Both national and provincial government officials attended, including CoR member Maysoon Damluchi, and Acting Minister of Women's Affairs Narmeen Othman. Governor Mamoun and the Anbar Provincial Council also attended and promised additional support for women. In all, over 80 women attended. Forum topics ranged from women's rights under Iraqi law to women's pensions rights to the role women should play in political parties. The USG provided funding for the conference, but Iraqis organized and executed the event.



## SECURITY - Situation Update

### General Petraeus Briefs Congress on Iraq Security Situation:

- General David Petraeus, Commander of Multi-National Forces Iraq, briefed congressional committees April 8 and 9 with Ambassador Ryan Crocker to address the situation in Iraq. General Petraeus cited “significant but uneven security progress in Iraq,” saying that “levels of violence and civilian deaths have been reduced substantially, al-Qaida in Iraq (AQI) and a number of other extremist elements have been dealt serious blows, the capabilities of Iraqi security force elements have grown, and there has been noteworthy involvement of local Iraqis in local security.”
- General Petraeus addressed the overall downturn in violence as well as the recent increase in violence in Basrah and Baghdad. He highlighted “the destructive role Iran has played in funding, training, arming and directing the so-called special groups.” Petraeus also focused on Iraq’s other neighbors, saying that Syria must do more to shut down the network that supports AQI.
- General Petraeus presented his recommendations that US forces continue drawing down brigade combat teams (BCTs) deployed during the “surge,” and that “upon the withdrawal of the last surge BCT in July, we undertake a 45-day period of consolidation and evaluation. At the end of that period, we will commence a process of assessment to examine the conditions on the ground and over time determine when we can make recommendations for further reductions.”



## SECURITY – Situation Update

### Muqtada al-Sadr Threatens to End Cease-Fire:

- Shia cleric Muqtada al-Sadr threatened to end the cease-fire imposed on his militia in 2007. The statement, released April 8, called on Mahdi Army members to “continue your jihad and resistance” against US forces without explicitly calling for attacks on Coalition forces. Sadr promised the Iraqi people security, stability, and independence and cancelled a march planned for April 9, the fifth anniversary of the liberation of Baghdad from Saddam Hussein’s regime.

### Fighting Resumes in Sadr City:

- Twelve people died April 8 and 36 were wounded after fierce fighting between Shia militias and Iraqi and US forces in Baghdad’s Sadr City. Fighting resumed April 6 and has killed at least 40 people.



## SECURITY – Situation Update

### 42 Kidnapped Students Recovered by ISF:

- The Iraqi Army rescued 42 college students abducted by AQI terrorists in southwestern Mosul April 6. The students were abducted after AQI ambushed their two school buses, wounding three students. Iraqi Security Forces picked up all 42 students, who are safe and unharmed. The three injured students were taken to a local hospital. Students identified and Iraqi Police apprehended the three kidnappers.

### Rocket Attacks Continue in International Zone:

- From March 23 to April 9, the International Zone experienced rocket attacks, with the exception of March 24 and April 4. To date, two US Chief of Mission personnel have been killed. Four others have been seriously injured; one of those remains hospitalized. Two US soldiers died April 6 as a result of the attacks.



## SECURITY – Security Transition

### Iraqi Air Force Supports Operation Charge of the Knights:

- The Iraqi Air Force planned, executed, and monitored over 104 missions in support of Operation Charge of the Knights in Basrah March 25 to April 1, which was led by Iraqi Security Forces (ISF). During Operation Charge of the Knights, the Iraqi Air Force supported Iraqi ground forces with personnel transportation, medical evacuation, logistical resupply, and intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance. The efforts of the Iraqi Air Force pilots provided valuable information on enemy concentrations and movements, bomb damage assessment, and current status of Iraqi ground units.

### ISF, Ministries Show Progress:

- ISF and government ministries' capacity are improving, due to the improvement in security and the time this has allowed for maximizing the country's security potential. Multi-National Security Transition Command – Iraq (MNSTC-I) is working with the Iraqi ministries of Defense and Interior to generate, sustain, and replenish the ISF. Because of the surge, Coalition Forces now have more time to train ISF, which has led to 124,000 new Iraqi soldiers, sailors, airmen, and policemen recruited and trained so far in 2008.



# SECURITY - Iraqi Security Forces

Iraq Security Forces as of March 19, 2008 <sup>a</sup>			
Component	Current Authorized Personnel <sup>b</sup>	Assigned Personnel <sup>c</sup>	Total Trained Personnel to date <sup>d</sup>
<b>Ministry of Interior (MoI) Forces <sup>e</sup></b>			
Iraqi Police Service <sup>f</sup>	288,001	279,870	166,037
National Police <sup>g</sup>	33,670	33,531	44,156
Border Enforcement	38,205	40,852	28,023
<b>Total MoI</b>	<b>359,876</b>	<b>354,253</b>	<b>238,216</b>
<b>Ministry of Defense (MoD) Forces <sup>h</sup></b>			
Army	186,352	160,248	180,263
Support Forces	17,369	18,087	19,750
Air Force	2,907	1,344	1,370
Navy	1,483	1,123	1,194
<b>Total MoD</b>	<b>208,111</b>	<b>180,802</b>	<b>202,577</b>
<b>Counter Terrorism Bureau</b>			
Special Operations	4,857	3,144	3,709
<b>Total Iraqi Security Forces</b>	<b>572,844</b>	<b>538,199</b>	<b>444,502</b>

a Numbers do not include ministry staffs.

b Numbers reflect Government of Iraq (GOI) authorizations.

c Numbers are based upon GOI payroll data and do not reflect present for duty totals.

d Numbers reflect assigned personnel that have received training.

e Numbers reflect total ISF personnel trained to date, some of which are no longer assigned due to casualties, AWOL, and normal separation.

f MoI strength does not reflect investigative and administrative forces, the MoI HQ, MoI Forensics, Dignitary Protection, or contracted guards.

g MoI Police Support Unit, Provincial Security Force, and Emergency Response Unit personnel are part of the Iraqi Police Service and does not include other Ministry FPS.

h MoD strength is derived from Modified Tables of Organization and Equipment (MTOEs).



## ECONOMIC – Economic & Government Capacity Update

### Iraq Continues Work toward WTO Accession:

- The World Trade Organization (WTO) held its second Working Party on Accession for Iraq April 2, during which member countries continued reviewing Iraq's foreign trade regime. The Working Party last met in May 2007 and since that time, the Government of Iraq (GOI) provided to WTO members more detailed information about its trade regime and legislative action plan, including information on trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights, technical barriers to trade, and support and subsidies for the agriculture sector. WTO members continue to support Iraq's accession, which will bring Iraq into the open and transparent, rules-based global trading system. The chairperson of the Working Party outlined the next steps Iraq will need to take, focusing on legislative developments and expanded detail on its foreign trade regime.

### Syria and Iraq Agree on Imports:

- Syria and Iraq have agreed to hold meetings in April to increase their economic relations and further develop trade between the two countries. The Iraqi Ministry of Commerce announced that there has been an agreement to use Syrian ports for transport and receipt of goods for both countries. Also, Syria will aid in the transport of items Iraq uses for its ration card system, which distributes food stuffs throughout Iraq.



## ECONOMIC – Economic & Government Capacity Update

### Sterling Energy to Increase Investment in Kurdish Provinces:

- Sterling Energy, an independent oil and gas exploration company, plans to increase its hydrocarbon work in Iraq's Kurdish provinces. In support of this effort Sterling, which has offices in London and Houston, will sell its US assets. Sterling signed a controversial production-sharing agreement with the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) last November. Sterling will couple the efforts in the KRG with projects in Madagascar. Sterling's Chief Executive Officer, Graeme Thomson, estimated the economic value of projects in the KRG, combined with projects in Madagascar, at \$2 billion.

### Diyala Provincial Council Passes 2008 Budget:

- The Diyala Provincial Council has successfully passed its 2008 budget. Seventy-five percent of the budget is dedicated to local area development.
- Separately, to help alleviate local drought conditions, elected officials will petition the KRG to release water from the Derbandikan Dam to provide drinking water and prevent widespread crop failure.





## ECONOMIC – Oil

### Crude Oil Update:

*Price averages in world markets closed with the following prices:*

Basrah Light at \$95.816/ barrel

Dated Brent at \$102.358/barrel

WTI Cushing at \$103.49/ barrel

Oman/Dubai at \$96.634/barrel

*Revenue estimates:*

2006: \$31.3 Billion

2007: \$41.0 Billion

2008: \$16.8 Billion (ytd)



## ECONOMIC – Essential Services

### Chalabi's Provision of Essential Services Committee Discusses Sadr City:

- The April 1 meeting of the Provision of Services Committee focused on potable water issues and essential services related concerns stemming from fighting in Sadr City. According to Dr. Chalabi, Iraqi Ministries are providing aid. Specifically, the Ministry of Health is providing medical supplies and the Ministry of Oil is supplying fuel trucks. Additionally, there was discussion on illegal tapping of potable water lines. A Baghdad Water Authority representative estimated that 15 – 20% of water output from the Karkh Treatment Plant is lost due to this tapping. Chalabi stated that it's excusable for citizens to tap lines to obtain drinking water but not for field irrigation. He expressed interest in finding alternative sources of non-potable water for use in irrigation.

### BioShaft Water Technology to Provide Baghdad Water Treatment:

- BioShaft Water Technology and the Baghdad municipality signed a contract for approximately \$56 million. The contract calls for Bioshaft Water Technology to provide 13 domestic wastewater treatment plants for Baghdad utilizing the company's Hans BioShaft System. The Baghdad water system and waste treatment facilities need significant improvement, estimated by some experts to cost \$5 billion. The municipality has grown to 6 million people but its infrastructure has not had substantive improvement since the 1980s. FPS International is a licensee of the Hans BioShaft System and will actually be responsible for installing systems. The improvements may improve sewage treatment efficiency by 40%.



## ECONOMIC – Essential Services

### Iraq Restarts Interrupted Oil Production:

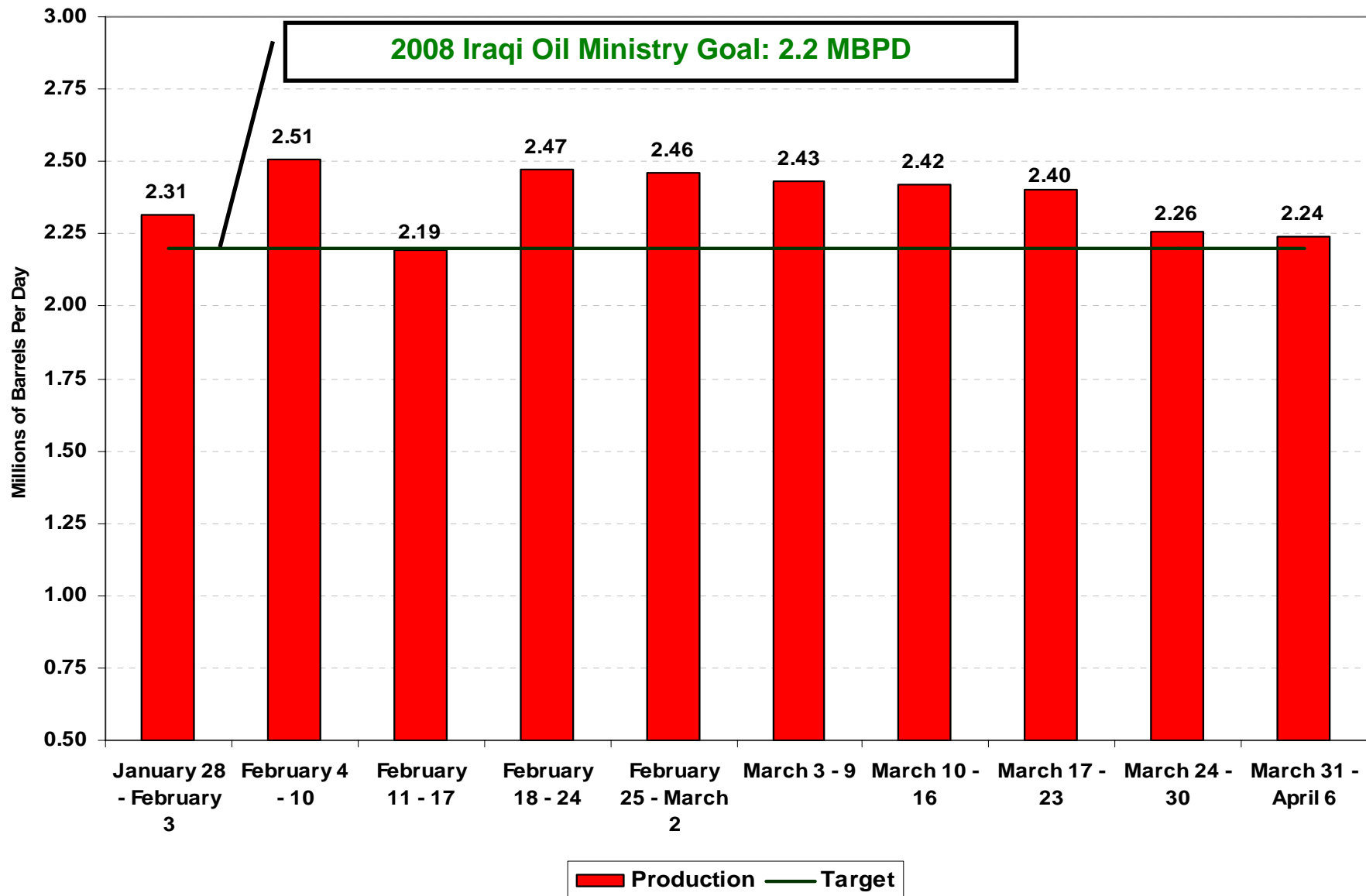
- The southern oil fields Bazargan and Majnoon restarted production April 3 after having to shut down following an attack the week of March 27. The attack damaged a pipeline from Bazargan, and Iraqi engineers constructed a bypass to allow for a production restart. The fields historically pump 100,000 barrels per day. Iraq was forced to use stored oil to minimize the effect on oil exports. It is expected that a third field, Bin Umar, will resume operations shortly.

### DNO Plans for Iraq Oil Export in 2008:

- Det Norske Oljeselskap (DNO) Chief Executive Helge Eide recently commented that he is confident DNO, an independent Norwegian oil producer, will be licensed to export oil from Iraq in 2008. Eide made these comments at DNO's capital markets meeting with investors. DNO needs the permission of the GOI since all exports of oil and gas are handled by the State Oil Marketing Organization. Currently, DNO has no export pipeline, so production remains constrained to only a few thousand barrels per day, which is exported by truck.

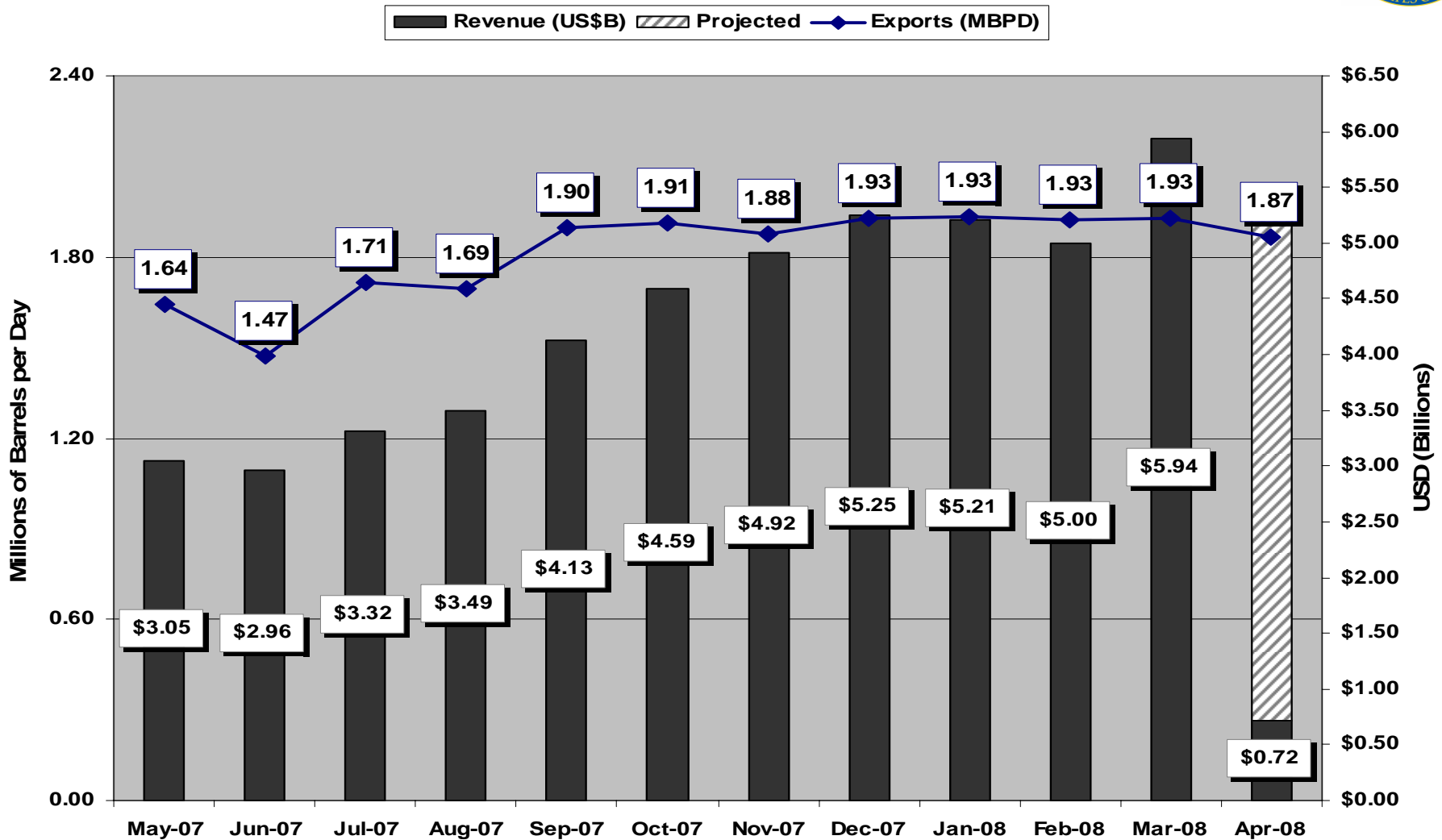


## ECONOMIC – Crude Oil Production





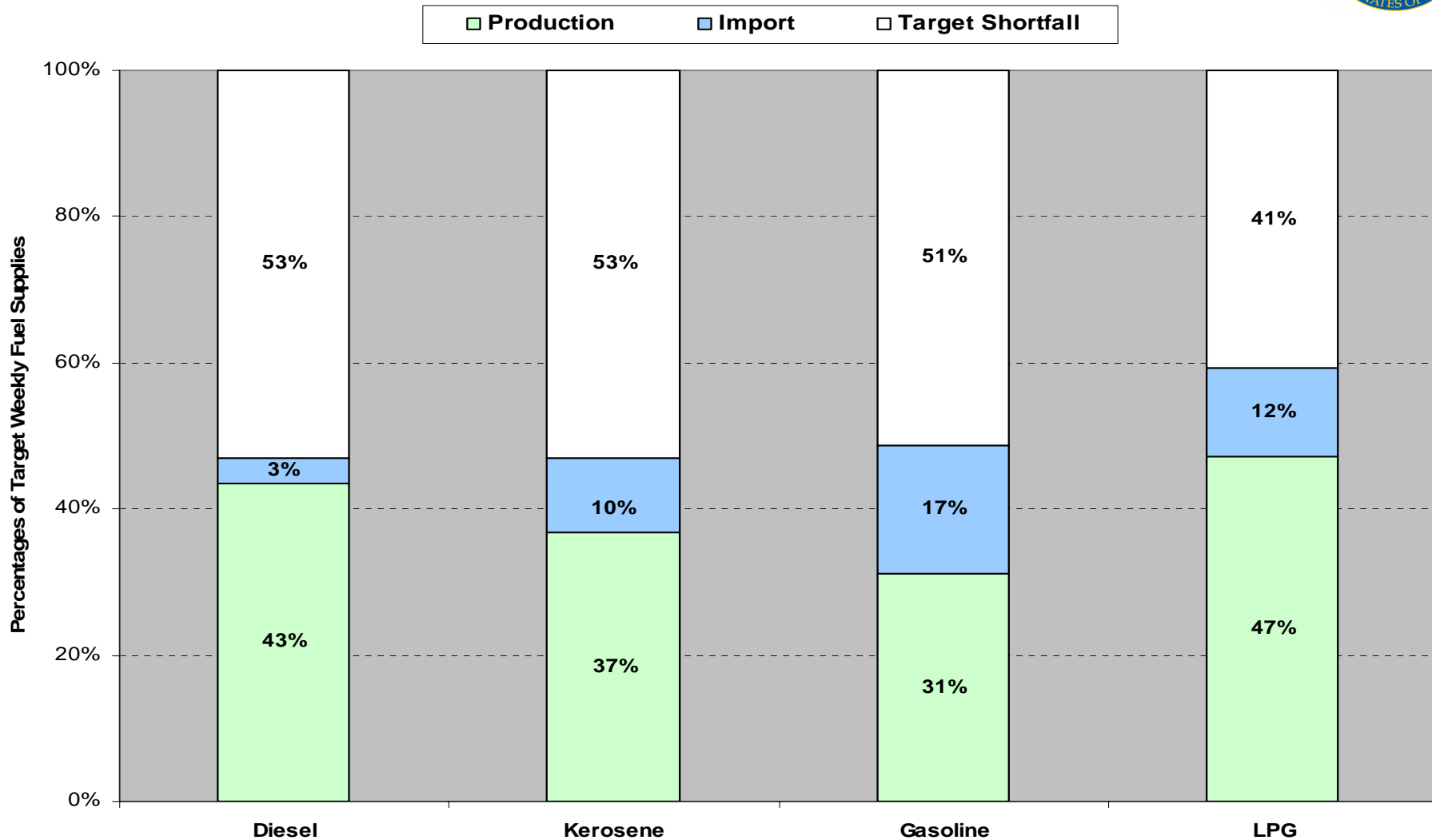
# ECONOMIC – Crude Oil Export



- 2006 Revenue Estimate: \$31.3 Billion
- 2007 Revenue Estimate: \$41.0 Billion
- 2008 Revenue Estimate: \$16.8 Billion (ytd)



# ECONOMIC – Total Critical Refined Product Supplies



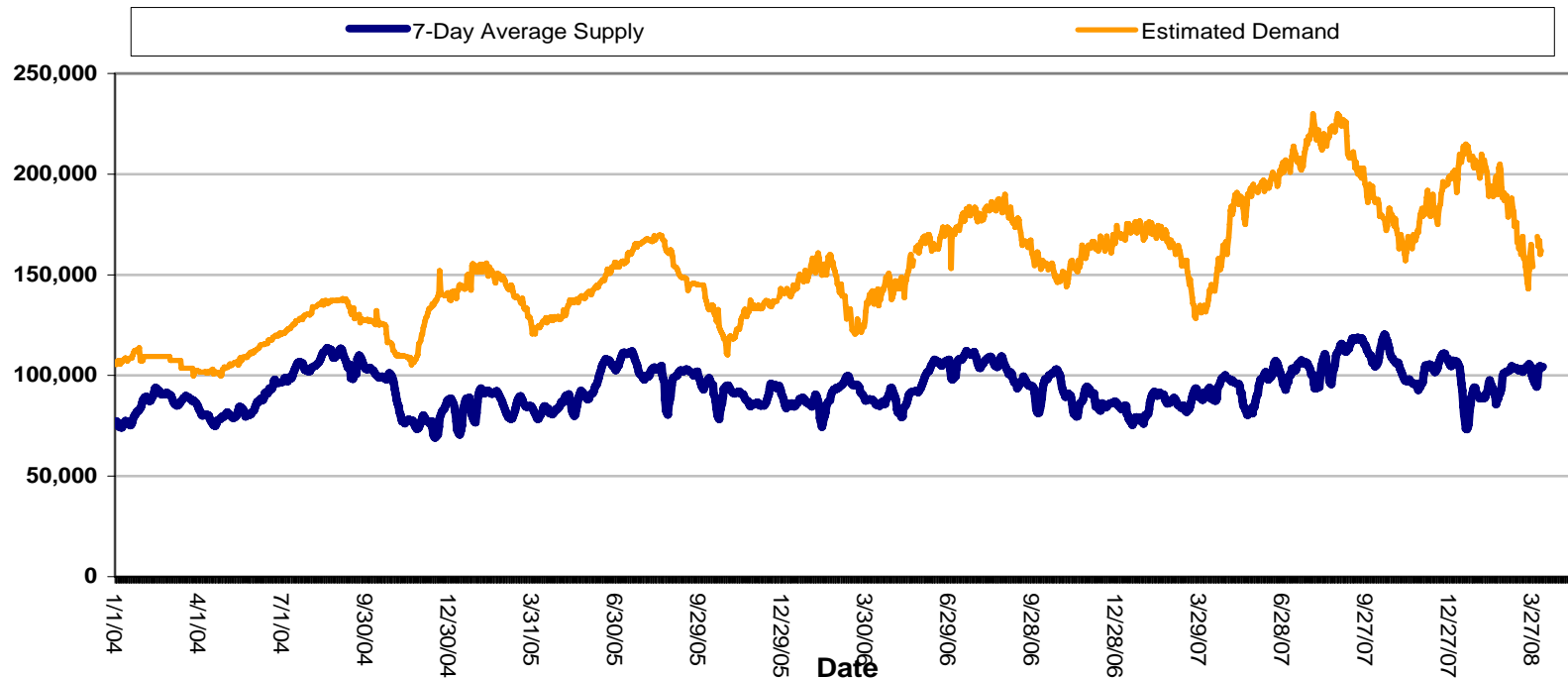
Note: This is a daily average for March 31 – April 6

- Diesel: 11.5 ML supply of 24.5 ML target
- Kerosene: 6.9 ML supply of 14.6 ML target
- Gasoline: 13.1 ML supply of 26.8 ML target
- LPG: 3,028 tons supply of 5,100 tons target



## ECONOMIC – Electricity

Daily Electricity Supplied and Estimated Demand in Iraq Since January 2004

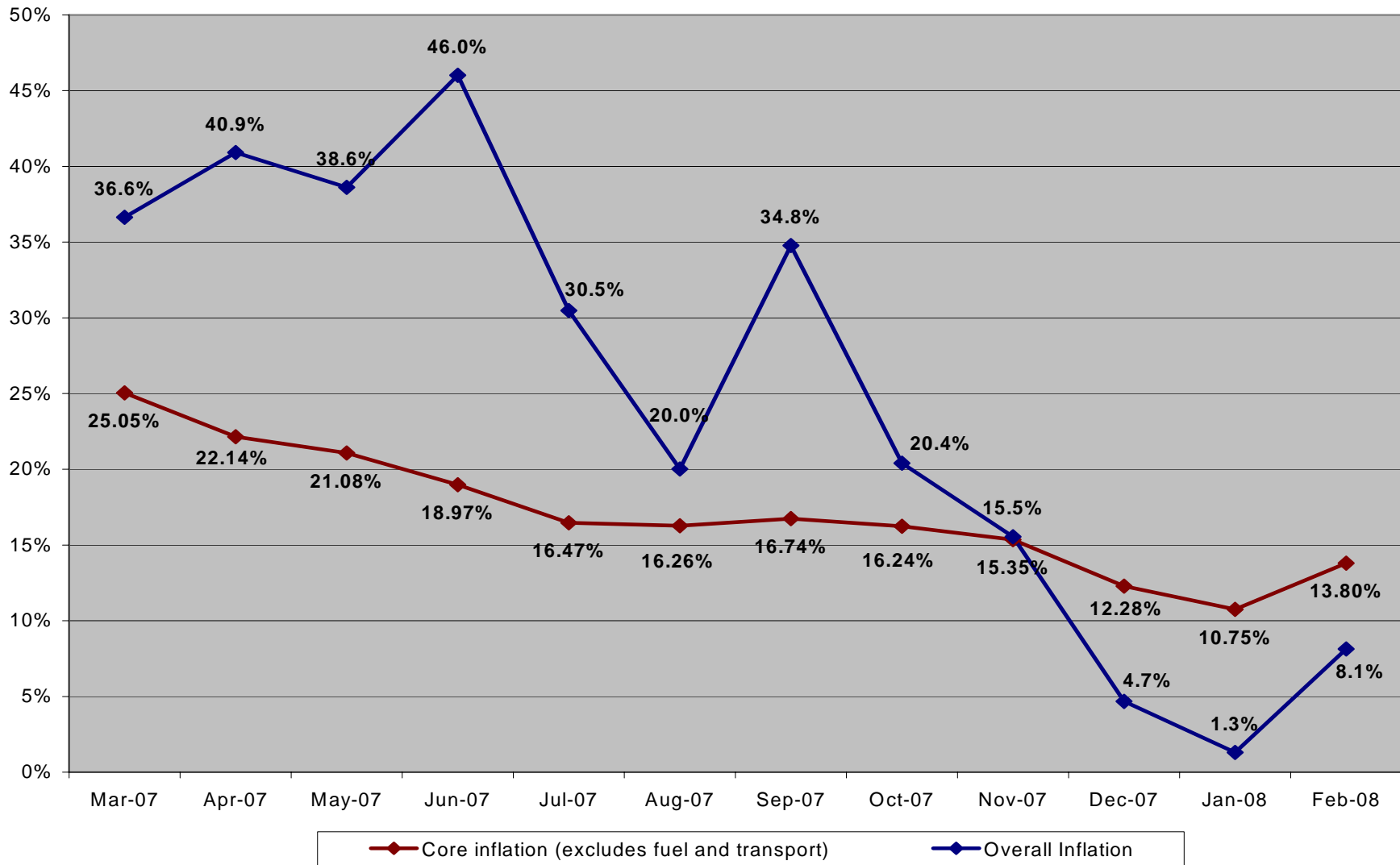


- Electricity supply and demand data was unavailable for April 6. The averages for April 1-7 therefore were calculated from data for the other six days of that period. For that period, daily electricity demand was 23% above the same period last year. Daily supply from the grid was 12% above the year-earlier period and met 63% of demand, compared with 69% for the year-earlier period.
- Data on hours of power data was unavailable for this reporting period. For the previous week of March 20-26 average hours of power from the grid after meeting demand from essential services: Baghdad 12.0 and nationwide 14.3. Year-ago levels were Baghdad 5.7 and nationwide 12.0.



# ECONOMIC – Economic Indicators

## Year-on-Year Inflation







## ECONOMIC – Economic Indicators

Economic Indicator	This Week	Last Week	Last Month	Last Year
<b>Iraqi Commercial Bond Sales</b>				
Price (USD)	\$70.52	\$71.92	\$73.07	\$62.82
Yield	9.02%	8.82%	8.67%	10.16%
<b>Central Bank's USD Currency Auction</b>				
USD Sold	\$75,930,000	\$97,716,250	\$88, 525, 850	\$66,957,492
NID Exchange Rate	\$1,205	\$1,207	\$1,208	\$1,254.00
<b>Total Employed by USG Programs</b>				
	94,815	95,935	94,494	N/A



# ECONOMIC - Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (IRRF) 1 and 2

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Sector\Status			Committed			Obligated			Disbursed		
(Millions of USD)	Allocated	Un-allocated	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change	Last Week	Current	Change
Security and Law	\$4,975	\$23	\$4,954	\$4,954	\$0	\$4,953	\$4,953	\$0	\$4,867	\$4,867	\$0
Justice and Civil Society	\$2,288	\$13	\$2,239	\$2,239	\$0	\$2,234	\$2,234	\$0	\$2,153	\$2,157	\$5
Electricity Sector	\$4,203	\$22	\$4,056	\$4,056	\$0	\$4,049	\$4,049	\$0	\$3,797	\$3,801	\$5
Oil Infrastructure	\$1,722	\$3	\$1,597	\$1,597	\$0	\$1,597	\$1,597	\$0	\$1,570	\$1,570	\$0
Water and Sanitation	\$2,067	\$37	\$1,957	\$1,964	\$7	\$1,943	\$1,944	\$1	\$1,788	\$1,790	\$2
Transportation and Comm\	\$462	\$1	\$456	\$456	\$0	\$449	\$449	\$0	\$ 409	\$410	\$1
Roads, Bridges and Const\	\$327	\$7	\$317	\$317	\$0	\$317	\$317	\$0	\$249	\$250	\$1
Health Care	\$813	\$10	\$783	\$783	\$0	\$776	\$776	\$0	\$728	\$728	\$1
Private Sector Development	\$821	\$2	\$821	\$821	\$0	\$821	\$821	\$0	\$813	\$813	\$0
Edu\, Refugees, Human Rights	\$436	\$0	\$423	\$423	\$0	\$423	\$423	\$0	\$398	\$398	\$0
Admin Expense (USAID,DoS)	\$220	\$0	\$210	\$210	\$0	\$210	\$210	\$0	\$210	\$210	\$0
Total IRRF II	\$18,330	\$119	\$17,812	\$17,819	\$7	\$17,773	\$17,774	\$1	\$16,981	\$16,995	\$14
IRRF II Non-Construction	-	-	\$7,923	\$7,923	\$0	\$7,913	\$7,913	\$0	\$7,697	\$7,700	\$3
IRRF II Construction	-	-	\$9,370	\$9,377	\$7	\$9,340	\$9,341	\$1	\$8,767	\$8,778	\$11
IRRF II Overhead	-	-	\$520	\$520	\$0	\$520	\$520	\$0	\$517	\$517	\$0
Total IRRF I	\$2,475	\$0	\$2,291	\$2,291	\$0	\$2,232	\$2,232	\$0	\$2,139	\$2,139	\$0
Grand Total IRRF I & II	\$20,805	\$119	\$20,103	\$20,110	\$7	\$20,005	\$20,006	\$1	\$19,120	\$19,134	\$14



## DIPLOMATIC – Economic Engagement

### Iraq Makes Case for World Trade Organization (WTO) Membership:

- Iraqi Minister of Trade Abed Falah al-Sudani told diplomats meeting at the WTO headquarters in Geneva that Iraq is set on qualifying to become a WTO member. The GOI stated that Iraq should be placed “on the fast track for [WTO] membership” because of its oil resources and strategic geographic location. However, members informed al-Sudani that before a final decision could be reached, Iraq needed to disclose its pricing policies, rules of investment, license regulations, customs law, tariff guidelines and other economic indicators. Iraq applied to the WTO in 2004 and was immediately given “observer status.”

### Sweden to Host International Compact with Iraq Meeting:

- The Government of Sweden announced April 3 plans to host the next meeting of the International Compact with Iraq (ICI) May 29, co-chaired by the Government of Iraq and the United Nations. The meeting marks the one-year anniversary of the launch of the ICI - the five-year economic and political reform package brokered by the UN Secretary-General. It will also seek to clarify the support of the international community for Iraq’s development. The Government of Sweden said that UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki requested that Sweden host the conference.



## DIPLOMATIC – Coalition Contributors

### 25 Countries with forces in Iraq (including US)

Albania	Czech Republic	Kazakhstan	Poland
Armenia	Denmark	Korea	Romania
Australia	El Salvador	Latvia	Singapore
Azerbaijan	Estonia	Lithuania	Tonga
Bosnia-Herzegovina	Georgia	Macedonia	Ukraine
Bulgaria	Japan	Mongolia	United Kingdom

**TOTAL ~ 9,852 Forces**

### **31 Countries and NATO\*** (including the US) **Support Iraqi Stability Operations**

\*31 includes the US, the 25 countries listed above, and six non-MNF-I countries: Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Slovenia, Turkey

Note: Fiji and New Zealand, participating as a part of the UN Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI), are not included.



## CONTACT INFORMATION

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